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Memcon Phone Conversation February 14, 1978 Powers SCS — DCM Blacken Guyana

SCS called Embassy to elicit response to 2a State 4386.

DCM informed Dept that reply had been drafted Feb 13,

he regretted we had not received and outlined Embassy

belief that ~~Embassyxx~~ Embassy attorney/advisor not

required as Embassy felt confident of legal issues at stake.

SCS then inquired how long Embassy believed it should

normally take to get decision in type of case held

January 10 in Stoen/Jones battle. DCM replied that

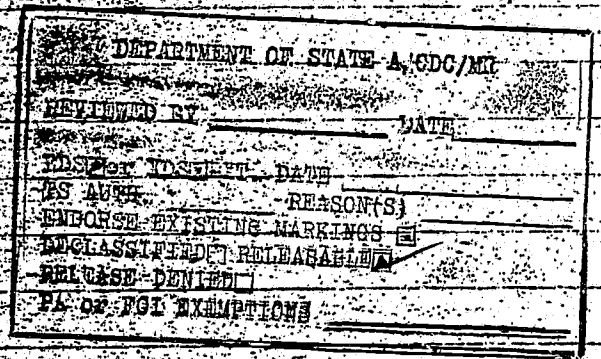
given ~~xxxxxx~~ lack of c'erical assistance etc it

would seem reasonable to wait about two ~~xx~~ weeks.

SCS then informed that we were going to instruct Embassy

~~x~~ to ~~xx~~ inquire of local govt how long we should expect

to wait for decision on hearing held over a month ago.



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Potrero Hill Neighborhood House
953 DeHaro Street
San Francisco, California 94107

February 15, 1978

Rep. George Miller
U.S. Congress
#1531 LHOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have known Rev. Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple for ten years. During this time I have never known him once to refuse to help anyone in need, regardless of race, color, or creed.

He has always believed in lighting a candle rather than cursing the darkness, and his work here in San Francisco and the Bay Area, as well as his devotion to the people and mission in Guyana, are the mark of a man who has devoted his whole life to the service and welfare of humankind.

I am thus dismayed to learn that another round of attacks has been levelled against him -- although I understand that Jesus Christ and Martin Luther King, among many others throughout history, have suffered condemnation and persecution during their lifetimes for wanting nothing more than a better life for the downtrodden.

If you have been used and misled by a detractor in any way who is trying to hinder the work of Rev. Jones and Peoples Temple in their Jonestown agricultural mission, which is making such strides in resource and human development and building a bridge of friendship between Guyana and the United States, I am very sad. Because if such a beautiful work for the people could just be left alone to develop in peace, the world would see a candle of hope become a flame of inspiration for others to follow. All of us have much to learn about living together in racial and economic equality as the Peoples Temple is doing.

I implore you to withdraw any commitment you have or may have made inadvertently on behalf of one who is bent on throwing the work of peacemakers to the wind and who may well be receiving money to do it.

Sincerely yours,

Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

cc: Congressman T. Wirth
President Jimmy Carter